



Bramble Pattern Golf Ball, Special Flyer Red Dot.

Sold



REF: 28913

Diameter: 4.2 cm (1.7")

## Description

Special Flyer Rubber Core Bramble Golf Ball.

A good example of a moulded bramble patterned rubber core golf ball. The ball is in good condition, and is marked in raised lettering, 'Special Flyer', around a central red dot bramble on both poles. It is in the classic bramble pattern, with raised dimples.

The ball is approximately 1 11/16 inch in diameter (4.2 cm).

The rubber core ball (the ancestor of the modern ball) began its life in the late 1890's. The first mass produced rubber core ball was by Coburn Haskell of Cleveland, Ohio. The first core balls were hand wound with elastic thread with a Gutta-percha cover, moulded with the raised square mesh pattern of their predecessor. The slight irregularities in the early wound balls made them quite lively, it was not until the invention of the automatic winding machine by John Gammeter (an engineer at Goodrich) and the change of pattern from mesh to bramble that the balls became more consistent and predictable.